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POLICING & POLICY

Pelosi Says New House Majority Will Act On "Commonsense" Gun Control Reforms.

The Daily Caller (12/17, Carr) cites a Politico story which reported that House Minority Leader Pelosi said in a statement that Democrats will act "boldly" to pass "commonsense" gun control reforms. Pelosi said, "The new Democratic majority will act boldly and decisively to pass commonsense, life-saving background checks that are overwhelmingly supported by the American people." According to Politico, Democrats "coalesced to create a gun reform proposal that would require federal background checks on all gun sales, including private sales." Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA), "a Pelosi ally who says a bill for universal background checks will be introduced to Congress in early 2019, is spearheading the measure."

Prison Reform Bill Advances In Senate.

The AP (12/18, Freking) reports legislation that would "ease federal sentencing laws for some offenders cleared its first major test vote Monday, garnering overwhelming support in both parties even as some conservatives portrayed the bill as soft on crime." The Senate voted 82-12 to advance the bill, and a vote on final passage is excepted "later in the week, but not until the chamber has debated and voted on a series of amendments from opponents that will be brought up Tuesday." The AP says that in order to "win over wary senators, sponsors tweaked the bill to prevent those convicted of violent firearm offenses, sexual exploitation of children and high-level fentanyl and heroin dealing from participating in the supervised release program."

Missouri Lawmaker Wants To Abolish Small Town Police Departments.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch (12/17, Erickson) reports from Jefferson City, Missouri, "Dozens of small town police departments in St. Louis County could be required to merge with other cities or contract with the county police department for services under legislation introduced in the Capitol." Rep. Justin Hill, "a former O'Fallon police officer, wants to force any city with a population of 5,000 or fewer inhabitants, with an area of less than 2 square miles, to disband its police department and contract for law enforcement services with either the county police department or a larger neighboring city. 'We just want to increase professionalism,' Hill told the Post-Dispatch on Monday. 'St. Louis and the region suffer as a whole because of the history of municipalities in St. Louis County.'"

Arkansas Governor Backs Effort To Cut Concealed Gun License Fee.

The AP (12/17) reports from Little Rock, Arkansas that Gov. Asa Hutchinson "is backing an effort to cut in half the license fees for carrying a concealed handgun." Hutchinson "says he supports legislation filed on Monday to cut the initial filing fee for a concealed handgun license from $100 to $50." The measure "would also cut the license renewal fee from $50 to $25." Hutchinson "says he believes the measure strikes the 'right balance' in reducing the fees."

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COMMUNITY

Portland, Oregon Police Want To Hire Liaison To Homeless Community.

The Oregonian (12/17) reports, "Portland police want to hire someone to serve as a link between the bureau and the city's homeless." According to the Oregonian, "The civilian will be asked to develop a plan to guide police responses to the homeless community and help the training division instruct officers on how best to communicate, police and provide services to people living on the streets. 'This position is a critical component to our response to those in the homeless community,' Chief Danielle Outlaw said. 'This person will influence how the Police Bureau responds to people in the homeless community and ensure the Police Bureau is in line with best contemporary policing practices.'"

Albany, Georgia Police Using Community Policing Initiative To Cut Crime.

WALB-TV Albany, GA (12/18, Wilson) reports from Albany, Georgia, "Albany Police Chief Michael Persley said tackling crime now and protecting people is his department's number one priority." Police "are pushing the 'Project Safe Neighborhood' initiative now more than ever." The initiative has "been around since 2001 and was revitalized in 2017," and "within the last few months, we're told the Albany Police Department has been trying to implement it heavily." Persley "said that although they've taken proper steps in the right direction to combat crime, more community members are needed to help solve the issue. 'We're not going to use a hammer on every problem, so we're also looking at how can we do other community outreach type issues,' said Persley."

CRIME & DRUGS

Barrio Azteca Seen As Top Texas Gang Threat.

The Houston Chronicle (12/17, Gill) reports, "Broken relationships with the Juarez drug cartel, large-scale police investigations and infighting kept El Paso-based gang Barrio Azteca labeled as a 'Tier 2' threat in Texas for a few years with the Bloods and the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas," but "in the most recent threat assessment released by the Texas Department of Public Safety, the gang made a resurgence as one of the top four gang threats in the state, edging out the Latin Kings." According to the Chronicle, "Its new Tier 1 classification is a result of territory expansion, its propensity for violence, evolving relationships with cartels and gangs, drug and weapons smuggling, exploitation of the border and increased police reporting, according to the assessment. Human smuggling also played a role. 'Barrio Azteca maintains a significant presence on both sides of the border as members continue their transnational criminal activities around the El Paso and Juarez corridor, including working with both the Sinaloa Cartel and Juarez Cartel,' according to the assessment."

Pennsylvania Man Resentenced After Appeals Court Strikes Down Initial Internet Ban.

The Harrisburg (PA) Patriot-News (12/17, Beauge) reports that Brandon Holena, a 32-year-old man from Luzerne County, has been resentenced after the US Third Circuit Court of Appeals ruled his lifetime ban on using computers or cell phones was "too broad and limited First Amendment freedoms" and "draconian." Holena was initially arrested in 2008 after repeatedly using the Internet to solicit sex from someone he believed to be a 14-year-old minor, but who was in actuality a FBI agent.

Feds, Task Force Untangle Large Drug Trafficking Operation.

The Everett (WA) Herald (12/17, Stevick) reports that the Snohomish Regional Drug Task Force, FBI, and Drug Enforcement Agency successfully untangled an extensive drug trafficking organization leading from Nogales, Mexico, to Snohomish County after two years. Authorities seized "more than 11 pounds of heroin, 13 pounds of methamphetamine, 3.3 pounds of cocaine, 3,000 counterfeit fentanyl-laced pills, and tens of thousands of dollars in suspected drug money" while undercover detectives "bought another five pounds of meth" via routine drug deals. Identifying around 30 suspects over the investigation's course, law enforcement began making arrests in November, including leaders like Juan Alberto Loya-Ponce and his second-in-command.

Suspicious Packages Sent To Three Baltimore Synagogues.

NBC Nightly News (12/17, story 10, 0:20, Holt) reported that three Baltimore synagogues received "suspicious packages" on

Monday. At one of the sites, "where a school is also located, two adults reported feeling ill with nausea and dizziness. Hazmat crews were called to the scene but found no dangerous gases or chemicals."

The Baltimore Sun (12/17, Campbell) reports, "Parents and emergency hazmat crews first responded to a Jewish school after two adults became nauseous upon opening an envelope sent to the synagogue next door, officials said." The envelope "was sent to Beth El Synagogue, which operates the Pauline Mash School For Early Childhood Education...according to the Baltimore County Fire Department and a school email to parents," and "in a separate incident an hour later, hazmat crews were called to a synagogue at Mesivta Ne'imus HaTorah, an Orthodox Jewish boy's school in the 4300 block of Crest Heights Road, for a report of a suspicious package." The Sun adds, "In the third instance, Baltimore County Police responded to the Har Sinai Congregation located in the 2900 block of Walnut Avenue for a suspicious envelope." According to the Sun, "Dave Fitz, spokesman for the Baltimore field office of the FBI, said the agency is monitoring the situation, but he declined to share any further details."

TECHNOLOGY

London Police Test Facial Recognition Technology.

The Telegraph (UK) (12/17, Wright) reports, "Facial recognition software was trialed on Monday in central London for the first time amid soaring crime in the capital." According to the Telegraphy, "The Metropolitan Police deployed the technology in Soho, Piccadilly Circus and Leicester Square looking for suspects wanted by the force or the courts." The Telegraph adds, "The operation was conducted in a visible fashion with uniformed as well as plain-clothed police officers present and posters informing the public what was happening." Ivan Balhatchet, "the Met Police's strategic lead for live facial technology, said: 'The Met is currently developing the use of live facial recognition technology and we have committed to ten trials during the coming months. We are now coming to the end of our trials when a full evaluation will be completed.'"

Ars Technica (12/17) reports, "This trial marks the seventh such trial in London since 2016," and "in addition to the December 17-18 tests, authorities have said there will be three more tests that have yet to be scheduled." Ars Technica adds, "According to the police, these trials, which 'will be used overtly with a clear uniformed presence and information leaflets will be disseminated to the public,' are set to take place specifically in the vicinity of Soho, Piccadilly Circus, and Leicester Square."

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